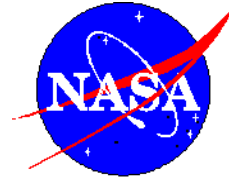


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Local Residents Receive NASA Medals

Four local residents, employees of NASA Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va., have been selected to receive NASA medals at an Honor Awards Ceremony to be held at Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md., in the near future.

NASA's most prestigious honor awards are approved by the NASA Administrator and presented to carefully selected individuals and groups of individuals, both Government and non-Government, who have distinguished themselves by making outstanding contributions to the Agency's mission.

Barton Bull, a resident of Onley, and a native of Accomack County, Va., is receiving NASA's Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal in recognition of his unique contribution in proving the technical feasibility and practical application of Global Positioning System navigation for range tracking of high dynamic, spinning launch vehicles. Bull is an electronic engineer in the Guidance Navigation and Control Systems Engineering Branch at Wallops and is recognized as an international expert in the field of Global Positioning System applications for high dynamics.

NASA's Exceptional Service Medal is awarded for significant, sustained performance characterized by unusual initiative or creative ability that clearly demonstrates substantial improvements or contributions in engineering, aeronautics, space flight, administration, support, or space-related endeavors that contribute to the mission of NASA.

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Joel Simpson, a resident of Modest Town, Va., and a native of Ocean City, Md., is receiving NASA's Exceptional Service Medal in recognition of his major contributions to NASA's sub-orbital missions through his expertise in the field of guidance, navigation and control systems engineering. Simpson is an aerospace engineer and is the associate head of the Guidance, Navigation, and Control Systems Engineering Branch at Wallops.

A NASA Exceptional Service Medal is being presented posthumously to H. Dean Price. The medal will be accepted by his wife, Janice, and is in recognition of his outstanding lifelong engineering and managerial achievements and enthusiastic commitment to excellence. Prior to his death in August 2001, Price was the associate head of the Electrical Systems Branch. He made his home in Wattsville. Va.

Thomas Jay Pittman also is receiving a NASA Exceptional Service Medal for his outstanding technical innovation, leadership and performance to Goddard's missions and the Wallops Flight Facility. A native of Onancock, Va., Pittman now resides in Pocomoke City, Md. He is a software engineer and chief of Wallops' Range and Mission Management Office.